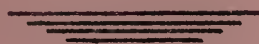


PORT OF FOLKESTONE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1963



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PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

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March, 1964.

To Her Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report on the medical aspect of
the working of the Port of Folkestone for 1963.

During the year the regular boat services have been as follows:-

(1) Folkestone - Calais.

- (a) Daily passenger service by French steamer, and
reliefs by British Railways steamer, from 1st
January to 31st December, 1963.

(2) Folkestone-Boulogne. (British Railways steamers).

- (a) Daily evening passenger service from 26th May to
28th September, 1963 inclusive.
- (b) Daily morning passenger service from 5th July to
8th September, 1963 inclusive. An irregular
service was in force from 26th May until the
commencement of the daily service and also
during the period 11th to 29th September, 1963.

On 7 days during January and February a total of 13 passenger
boats were diverted to Folkestone from Dover because of the gales
and rough seas in the channel. The Folkestone Harbour was closed
on Christmas Day and on the 19th January and 18th November the two
boats scheduled to arrive from Calais were diverted to Dover in
view of the bad weather conditions.

Special excursion and "no-passport" trips were also run to
France during the summer season.

Cargo services were maintained to and from Calais and Boulogne.

The number of arriving vessels carrying aliens was 763 (730
passenger and 33 cargo boats) and showed a decrease of 11 compared
with 1962.

The number of passengers passing through the Port during the
year was 918,550; this was 37,446 more than in 1962. This is the
highest figure since the end of the war and during the past ten
years the passenger traffic has doubled.

The gross figures of passengers arriving at and departing from
Folkestone for the past five years are:-

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Inwards ..	435,643	437,992	476,304	449,542	472,676
Outwards ..	406,969	397,276	422,642	431,562	445,874
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>842,612</u>	<u>835,268</u>	<u>898,946</u>	<u>881,104</u>	<u>918,550</u>

There was a decrease in the number of aliens arriving - 5,695
less than in 1962 - and 3,189 fewer aliens were medically examined.

A summary of the aliens arriving, medically examined, certificates issued, etc., during the past five years is given below:-

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Aliens arriving ..	94,748	99,985	111,485	115,454	109,759
Aliens medically examined	9,554	12,091	13,315	10,293	7,104
Certificates issued	178	184	206	191	124
Percentage of Aliens examined to whom certificates issued	1.86	1.52	1.55	1.85	1.74

The aliens continued to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Austria and Germany.

The men were mainly for employment as labourers (especially agricultural) and to work in hotels and the catering trade. The women came as domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile, canning and factory workers; also included were the families coming to join aliens already working in the United Kingdom.

During last year the number of certificates issued on Form Port 12 was 124 compared with 191 in 1962. These certificates were in respect of:-

Pregnancy	21.
Heart conditions ..	10.
Hernia	10.
Post-operative sequelae	9.
Congenital defects	7.
Unsound mind or mentally defective	7.
Eye conditions ..	6.
Dermatitis	4.
Other medical conditions	50.

Of the 20 aliens not permitted to land 5 were of unsound mind or mentally defective, 1 undesirable for medical reasons, 5 because of their inability to support themselves and 9 likely to require medical treatment.

A summary of the immigrants who were subject to control under the Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1962, those medically examined and certificates issued is as follows:-

	<u>1963.</u>	<u>*Part 1962 for comparison.</u>
Commonwealth immigrants -		
Subject to control	16,670	10,286
Medically examined	34	455
Certificates issued	3	7
Percentage of immigrants examined to whom certificates issued ..	0.47	1.54

* The Act came into force on the 1st July, 1962.

The immigrants came mainly from India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Mauritius, Nigeria and Australia.

Three forms Port 23 were issued in respect of Commonwealth immigrants; this compares with 7 for the second half of 1962. Only one of the immigrants, a Cypriot with brachial plexus injury, was not permitted to land.

The newly constructed and equipped medical inspection rooms adjacent to No. 1 berth came into use on the 1st October, 1963.

The Public Health (Ships)(Amendment) Regulations 1963 came into effect on 1st August, 1963. These Regulations enable the Port Medical Officer to require the production of valid International Certificates against Smallpox by travellers arriving from local infected areas, and from "endemic areas", viz., Africa, Asia and the Americas (excluding Canada and the United States of America).

Twenty-nine passengers were examined and given treatment as necessary. Of the 10 accident cases four were conveyed by ambulance to the local hospital. Three young children, two from the same family, suffering from measles, a boy of 14 who had chickenpox and an infant of 3 years who was subsequently confirmed as suffering from flexner dysentery were admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital. A man of 50 who had a heart attack and collapsed on the boat was admitted to the local hospital where he died. Ten of the other passengers were also admitted to various hospitals in the area for medical reasons.

Eight members of the ships' crews and port staff also received medical attention. A steward who had a suspected fractured rib was sent by ambulance to the Dover Hospital and a porter with a badly cut hand to the local hospital. The other six were medical cases and referred to their family doctor.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the efficient work carried out by the Medical and Nursing staff at the Harbour, and also to the unfailing and effective co-operation with us of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials, British Railways Officials and Ships' staff.

I am, Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

R.F.H. McELLIGOTT,

Port Medical Officer.

Table A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
R.F.H. McElligott.	Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.	29.12.50.	-	M.B., Ch.B.	Medical Inspector of Aliens. (Part-time).
L.H. Vale.	Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-1.10.49.	-	*F.R.S.H., F.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.B.	-
L.F. Patman.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-5.11.28.	-	*A.R.S.H., Cert.R.S.H.	-
A. Stubbs.	Additional Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-1. 2.45.	-	*Cert.S.I.B.	Additional Public Health Inspectors for the Borough of Folkestone.
S.W. Couling.	- ditto -	-6.10.58.	-	*Cert.S.I.B. M.A.P.H.I.	
C.E. Thomsett.	- ditto -	12.10.63.	-	*Cert.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.	
S.C. Denham.	-	16. 4.63.	18.10.63.	-	
A.J. Cyster.	-	18.11.63.	-	-	Student Public Health Inspector. - ditto -

* Also holds Royal Society of Health Certificate as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.

Public Health Department, Old Harvey Grammar School, Foord Road, Folkestone, Kent. (Tel. No: Folkestone 52463).
Medical Inspection Room, Folkestone Harbour, Folkestone, Kent. (Tel. No: Folkestone 51512).

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B.

Ships from:	Number of Arrivals.	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Public Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports ..	934	1,089,965	-	15	4
Coastwise	24	35,458	-	-	-
TOTAL:	958	1,125,423		15	4

Total number of inspections - 518.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic ..	(Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 472,676 (Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 445,874
Cargo Traffic ..	(Principal IMPORTS - Wines and spirits, woollens and cotton goods, government stores and chemicals. (Principal EXPORTS - Machinery, government stores, fish, iron and steel.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Calais and Boulogne.	

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic.

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SECTION V - Water Supply.

No change of supply occurred during the year. Drinking water tanks on board the vessels using the harbour are filled from hydrants on the quayside which are connected to the town supply, viz., Folkestone Water-works Company.

Two hundred and five routine samples were taken for bacteriological examination during the year from passenger and cargo vessels and shore hydrant installations; at one period a series of adverse reports on samples from two British vessels were received. Emergency sterilization of the tanks and pipelines on board each of the ships was carried out immediately as an interim precaution.

In one of the vessels a serious defect was discovered in the crown plates of the water storage tanks allowing contamination to arise from outside sources, and remedial repairs were immediately carried out.

In both cases subsequent check samples taken over a prolonged period proved satisfactory.

All samples taken from the shore hydrants were satisfactory.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships)
Regulations 1952 to 1963.

On the 1st August, 1963 the Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1963 came into operation. These Regulations amend the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952 to 1961 and enable Port Health Officers to require the production of international certificates of vaccination against smallpox. If a person has not a certificate he may be offered vaccination and may be placed under surveillance or in isolation.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

Three travellers arriving at Folkestone Harbour were placed under surveillance and notifications sent to the Medical Officers of Health of the districts to which they were going.

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

Patients suffering from Smallpox would be removed by arrangement with the Canterbury City Ambulance Service, which authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

- (3) Name of Smallpox Consultant available.

Dr. J.P. Marsden of River Hospitals, Joyce Green, Dartford, (telephone No: Dartford 23231 and home telephone No: Dartford 20443) is available as Smallpox Consultant for this area.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

At the laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. (Telephone No: Maidstone 7239). Dr. A.L. Furniss is the Medical Director.

Also at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, Colindale, London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

No change during the year.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Measles	3	-	2
	Chickenpox	1	-	1
	Dysentery,			
	Flexner	1	-	1
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-

Three children, two from the same family, were found to be suffering from measles. These patients, together with a boy of 14 who had chickenpox and an infant of 3 years subsequently confirmed as suffering from flexner dysentery, were admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital.

Two other passengers, a girl of 15 years and a woman of 34 suffering from gastro-enteritis, were admitted to hospital for observation.

A man of 59 was admitted to the Dover Isolation Hospital for observation and later confirmed as suffering from right lower lobe pneumonia.

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ships of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected cases of any such disease.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Formal inspections carried out by Dover Health staff and amplified by local Port Health Inspectors during course of routine inspection of vessels.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities exist for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. None of the rodents was sent for examination during 1963.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Harbour district treated as necessary by Rodent Operators of the British Railways Southern Region and assistance given by the Borough Rodent Operator as required.

It has not been found necessary over the past few years for work of disinfestation to be carried out on ships visiting this Port. If, however, such work were necessary the ships would be treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex, under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not found necessary.

Tables "E" and "F" - NIL.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

None issued - Folkestone is not an approved port.

Certificates for vessels owned by the British Railways and using this port are issued by the Dover Port Health authority.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
General inspection of crews' quarters, food preparing places, etc.	239	-	-	-
TOTAL:	239	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish)
Regulations 1934 and 1948.

No change during the year.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens
(applicable only to ports approved for the
landing of aliens).

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of appointment.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Resignation.	Qualifications.
R.F.H. McElligott	28.10.49.	-	M.B., Ch.B.
J.H. Campbell ..	16. 4.51.	31.12.63.	M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
H. Yates	-8.10.52.	-	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
C.B. Findlay ..	28. 6.55.	-	M.B., Ch.B.
E. Mallett	21.10.60.	-	M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.
P.J. McGregor ..	29. 6.62.	28. 6.63.	M.B., B.Ch.

All the Medical Inspectors were employed on a part-time basis.

Dr. P.J. McGregor left the district and Dr. J.H. Campbell, who had held a Warrant of Appointment for nearly 12 years, resigned his appointment for health reasons.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

Name.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
Mrs. L.F. Brann.	Nurse-Attendant (part-time).	-1.6.56.	S.E.A.N.

Three Assistant Nurse-Attendants were also available on a sessional basis to act as reliefs and assist when two or more were required to cope with the large number of aliens expected to arrive at the same time.

(3) Organisation of Work.

No change during the year.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

A total of 7,104 aliens were examined during 1963; this is 3,189 less than in 1962.

A summary of their nationalities is as follows:-

	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1962.</u> (For comparison).
Italian	3,473	6,071
Swiss	1,439	1,648
French	735	782
Spanish	540	835
Austrian	229	299
German	214	230
Portuguese	159	122
Greek	99	90
Turkish	46	46
Israeli	18	19
South African	12	-
Danish	6	11
Other nationals	68	79
Stateless	66	61
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>7,104</u>	<u>10,293</u>

Particulars of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1963 are set out below:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens:-

(a) Passenger	730.
(b) Cargo	33.

TOTAL: 763.

This total of 763 shows a decrease of 11 compared with the number of arriving vessels carrying aliens during 1962.

B. Total number of arriving aliens (excluding crews).. 109,759.

C. Total number of aliens medically examined:-

With Ministry of Labour permit	5,297.
Au Pair	1,456.
Permanent residents	228.
Visiting	123.

TOTAL: 7,104.

D. Reports and certificates for aliens medically examined:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Total number of reports and certificates issued.	Aliens NOT PERMITTED to land.
A.	Unsound mind or mentally defective	7	5
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons ..	1	1
B(2)(a).	Inability to support	32	5
B(2)(b).	Likely to require medical treatment	84	9
C.	Conditionally landed for further medical examination	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>		<u>124</u>	<u>20</u>

E. Transmigrants landing and medically examined .. Nil.

(5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

The newly constructed and equipped medical inspection rooms adjacent to No. 1 berth came into use on the 1st October, 1963.

Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962.

This Act has now been in force since 1st July, 1962.

At the end of the year the four Medical Inspectors (Drs. McElligott, Findlay, Mallett and Yates) holding Warrants of Appointment under the Aliens Order 1953 also held the special Warrants for the medical examination of Commonwealth immigrants.

Mrs. L.F. Brann and the three Assistant Nurse-Attendants were also available.

The number of Commonwealth citizens subject to control under this Act and those medically examined were:-

	<u>1963.</u>	<u>Second half 1962 for comparison.</u>
Commonwealth immigrants:-		
Subject to control	16,670	10,286
Medically examined	634	455
The nationality of those examined was:-		
Indian	249	163
Pakistani	111	7
Ceylonese	80	38
Mauritian	50	22
Nigerian	28	3
Australian	26	32
Cypriot	19	20
Malayan	19	3
Other nationalities ..	52	167
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>455</u>

The number of reports and certificates issued for Commonwealth citizens medically examined was:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Number of reports or certificates issued.	Number of Commonwealth citizens refused entry.
A.	Suffering from mental disorder ..	-	-
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons	-	-
B(2).	Likely to require major medical treatment	3	1
TOTALS:		3	1

The Commonwealth immigrant not allowed to land was a Cypriot, aged 39, with Brachial Plexus injury.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

A mortuary at the local hospital and adequate burial and cremation facilities are available in the district.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L.H. Vale, Esq., Chief Public Health and Food Inspector for the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 518 visits to the Harbour during the year for the purpose of routine inspection of passenger and cargo boats and for the examination of all foodstuffs landed at the Port. This work entails considerable evening and weekend duty, especially during the summer months, as all passenger boats are met on arrival by an Inspector. All the vessels which are regularly engaged on cross-channel traffic have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

(2) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1963.

FOODSTUFF	BOULOGNE				CALAIS				OSTEND			
	Tons	Cwt.	Qr.	Lb.	Tons	Cwt.	Qr.	Lb.	Tons	Cwt.	Qr.	Lb.
Beans, dried	1	10	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biscuits	6	17	-	22	29	17	-	24	-	-	-	-
Cereals	1	2	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese	56	8	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicory	-	15	-	12	-	-	-	-	5	13	-	-
Chocolate	3	7	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery	15	9	5	21	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Fish	-	6	3	-	-	14	-	-	5	-	-	-
Fish preserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Flour	2	5	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foodstuffs, misc.	16	8	2	2	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Fruit	-	8	5	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit, dried	-	1	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit juice	5	10	3	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit preserves	-	-	2	13	-	-	3	26	-	-	-	-
Honey	-	2	1	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat preserves	5	2	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mushrooms	1	4	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olive oil	-	1	3	16	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-
Potato flakes	-	-	3	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salami	-	10	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salt	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sauces, various	10	9	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soups, various	43	13	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tea	-	5	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truffles	-	3	2	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	173	14	3	19	30	13	1	14	10	13	-	-

GRAND TOTAL: 215 tons 1 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

(3) Foodstuffs condemned.

6 boxes of Salmon from Boulogne weighing 140 lb.

2 boxes of headless monk fish from Boulogne weighing 168 lb.

Total weight of foodstuffs condemned = 308 lb.

(4) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist Nil.

(b) Analyst (Chemical Examinations) .. 6.

(4) (b) - contd.

Chemical Examination of Foodstuffs.

Sample No.	Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
456.	Candied Orange Dips.	Sample was free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	Satisfactory.
12.	Buitoni.	Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	Meat sauce of French production.
23.	Savoury Sticks.	Consisted of wheat flour, shortening-cheese, skimmed milk, etc.	Form of bread stick of French production. Satisfactory.
77.	Marrons in Syrup (canned).	Can and contents satisfactory. Can was lined with plastic sheeting. Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	Satisfactory.
78.	Chicory.	Genuine chicory free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	Satisfactory.
79.	Tortellini Raviolini.	Free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservative.	An Italian farinaceous product containing meat. Ingredients were not listed, and label bore no wording in English.
See note under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations.			

(5) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 and 1948.

During the year action was taken under the above Regulations in respect of a consignment of 10 cases of Tortellini Raviolini which arrived from Italy without "Official Certificates".

Formal notices forbidding removal of the foodstuffs were served and the consignment was subsequently re-exported.

